Democratic system in Nepal

†3540. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India has expressed its concern to the Government of Nepal over abolition of democratic system in Nepal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of India have strictly criticized brutal suppression of nationwide agitation for restoration of democracy in Nepal by seven democratic parties of Nepal, recently;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of India is continuing its efforts for restoration of democracy in Nepal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome of such efforts made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) Government has consistently been of the view that the challenges facing Nepal can only be addressed through a genuine process of dialogue and reconciliation between the constitutional forces of Nepal. India has all along stood by the people of Nepal in their unrelenting struggle for the restoration of their democratic rights.

Intervention in Sri Lankan peace process

3541. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan President during his recent visit to New Delhi, discussed his apprehensions about collapse of the peace process with LTTE and the urgency of shorting up the ceasefire between the LTTE and the Sri Lankan armed forces;

(b) whether Indian intervention in the process was sought;

(c) if so, the details of the talks and outcome thereof; and

(d) the Indian response to the proposal?

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